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## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

It is a travesty to only have a few internet providers in my neighborhood because it means I basically have a fixed cost in my budget -- they can charge me nearly whatever they want. I need more competition, not less, so that I get better service and more options for less money. Price hikes that will increase the cost of my service are not helpful to anyone except the people who own stock in ATT. I have yet to be connected on fiber, and it's taking forever because the providers are not being driven by competition to offer this service in my neighborhood. I need home internet to be able to work remotely, to be able to help my child do homework, and to be able to have access to information that help me live the life of an informed citizen. Please make sure the internet stays competitive.

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